



FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 1, 1902.

THE LYNCHING yesterday of Charles Craven, the negro who it is believed murdered William H. Wilson, a well-known farmer of Fairfax county, has been the theme of conversation hereabouts for the past twenty-four hours, and has brought forth opinions from some in justification of the summary action of the infuriated citizens of Loudoun and Fairfax counties, and contrary expression, from others. While no one will allege that the community has lost anything in the death of a natural-born outlaw who has given trouble almost since the time he was able to walk, many still look with apprehension upon lynchings, realizing that dreadful mistakes are possible when a frenzied populace rises in its might and without judge or jury condemns a human being guilty of a crime not proven. Such mistakes have been made and will be made until the practice ceases. Every circumstance connected with the murder of Mr. Wilson pointed to Craven as his slayer. He, however, maintained his innocence to the last. There is a probability that his asseverations were false, but there is also a possibility that he told the truth as he was about to be ushered into the presence of his Maker. The day that will reveal the secrets of all hearts will alone fix the crime where it belongs. In the meantime let all who persist in leading disorderly lives take heed. Had Craven faithfully and honestly fulfilled his mission in life the hue and cry raised against him would not have been in evidence. He had by his own thoughtless acts bankrupted his character and forfeited the respect of the community in which he had been born and reared. Such a foolhardy course was indirectly the cause of his being taken from the law officers yesterday and treated with no more consideration than a mad dog. There are many thoughtless white and colored persons who persist in passing through life with reputations besmirched by their own acts. When a crime is committed and slight circumstances point to their guilt their previous characters go mightily against them, and, as in the case of Craven, they are often tried, condemned and hanged without judge or jury, with no chance of offering a defense. The picture is a solemn admonition to all who by their daily acts cause their fellow-creatures to view them with suspicion and be ready to lay any crime at their doors when there is no clue to the real perpetrators.

SOME EXCITEMENT has been caused among orthodox Jews in the southern part of Russia by an impression that the Millennium is scheduled to arrive in the year 1905. A letter has been received from an Israelite conducting business on Seventh street, Washington, conveying this information. The letter came from his father, who lives in Russia. It relates that a male child, living in Warsaw, three months old, recently uttered a prophecy to the effect that one year from that time there would be a great war between the world powers, and that in three years the Millennium would arrive. The letter related that this prediction had created great consternation among the Jews of Russia. Several Hebrews living in Washington were interviewed yesterday in regard to the alleged prophecy. They said that according to the Torah, the Millennium is due in about three or four years, and they consider the Warsaw child's prophecy as a verification or reminder of the approaching reign of the Jews.

A CASE docketed in the United States Supreme Court yesterday is intended to test the right of municipal corporations to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquor to females. The case came up from Denver, Col. The suit was instituted in the State courts of Colorado by the owner of a saloon who opened a winery for women. The record shows that he asked for an injunction to restrain the city from enforcing its ordinance prohibiting the maintenance of such a place for females. The district court of Colorado upheld this contention but the finding was overruled by the Supreme Court of that State. The saloonkeeper claims that inasmuch as women are allowed to vote in Colorado, they should have equal privileges with men to visit saloons and drink alcohol. The decision of the Supreme Court will be awaited with interest by many in and out of Colorado.

AS PREVIOUSLY stated in the Gazette, the republicans of this Congressional district, in casting about for material for the Congressional nomination this year, are discussing the availability of Mr. William Dupont, of the wealthy Delaware family, now a resident of Virginia and owner of Montpelier, President Madison's old home, in Orange county. As has previously been suggested, it is highly probable that the real object of the republicans is to test the validity of the franchise portion of the new constitution, as there is not the slightest

chance of electing any nominee they may place in the field. Under the new law many colored men, heretofore voters, will be deprived of franchise, and the party with which they have ever affiliated will avail itself of the opportunity to contest the law before a Congressional committee.

THE republican party leaders are again repeating the cry that "if the tariff is to be revised it must be revised by its friends." This means that nothing will be done by the republicans in the way of tariff relief, for its "friends" are the rank protectionists. The Dingley act, with its rates of 100 per cent. on woolen fabrics, and with other duties nearly as exorbitant, shows how the tariff is revised by its "friends." By no possibility could the enemy do a tithe of the mischief that is inflicted upon American consumers by the friends of the tariff and the trusts—not if all the gates of commerce should be thrown wide open under a policy of absolute free trade.

THE administration is constantly prating of what it has done for Cuba, and of how generously it has treated the new republic, all of which is cant and hypocrisy. At the present time this government is trying to rob Cuba of the Isle of Pines, which island has belonged to Cuba since the discovery of the western hemisphere. In addition to this, the United States government is trying to force Cuba to allow this country to establish a naval station at the most available site in Havana harbor—a proposition which would be rejected by any other nation in the world.

SECRETARY MOODY has begun to draw in the retired list of naval officers, and it is thought that in this way a number of officers now serving ashore may be relieved so that they can be ordered to sea duty. Secretary Moody has expressed himself in opposition to the idea of allowing an officer to retire on pay and the government to lose his services altogether. Already hundreds of army and navy officers are living in luxury at the government's expense and rendering no service for the big salaries they are receiving, all of which was never intended by the founders of this government.

THE TRUSTS are increasing and multiplying daily. The officials of the American Packers' Association, known as aong canners of the Eastern Shore of Maryland as the "tomato trust," are having a \$1,000,000 mortgage recorded in all the counties on the Maryland and Delaware peninsula in which the trust has been able to acquire canneries. The association has got control of a number of the large canneries in Maryland and Delaware and of course prices will be advanced.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] Washington, D. C., August 1. Probably more than a million dollars will be spent by the navy for the manœuvres in the Caribbean Sea next winter. This sum includes 12 new battles to be built at an expense of \$96,000 and then towed to Cuba Island. Coal and ammunition in immense quantities will be consumed and incidental expenses in the way of putting the fleet into perfect condition will run very high. The New England manœuvres will not be so expensive if it is figured that the fleet would necessarily be under maintenance charges any way. So far as can be learned it is the plan at present to have the land batteries fire no shots and this of course cuts out the waste of ammunition.

Miss Alice Hay will be wedded to James W. Wadsworth, Jr., son of Representative Wadsworth of New York, September 30, at "The Fells," Newbury, N. H., the country home of Secretary and Mrs. Hay. Only immediate relatives and few intimate friends will be present. After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Wadsworth will go to Genesee, N. Y., for the rest of the autumn.

According to excellent authority at the War Department it has been determined by the President that Maj. Gen. S. B. M. Young will succeed Lieut. Gen. Miles in command of the army when that officer retires for age Aug. 8, 1903. For political reasons Gen. Miles will be allowed to remain on the active list until his statutory retirement, although he is practically a figure-head so far as the present administration is concerned.

It is thought that the candidates for the District Commissionership have narrowed down to these names: James L. Norris, Henry L. West, W. V. Cox and Louis Shoemaker. The democrats of the District will insist on an out and out party man and not one who could not stand on every plank of the platform. In that event some of the records of the men mentioned above will not stand close inspection.

Major F. W. Sibley, of the cavalry has been temporarily detailed for duty as aide on the staff of Lieutenant General Miles. Major Sibley will probably remain at army headquarters until the arrival there of Col. Babcock recently appointed chief of staff to General Miles.

THE RICHMOND REGISTRARS.—The Committee on Police of Richmond met yesterday to fix a per diem day for registrars under the new Constitution. Messrs. Tyler and Long, representing the city registrars, appeared before the committee, together with City Attorney H. R. Polard. Mr. Tyler asked the committee to make some recommendations to the Council for the pay of registrars in addition to the amount allowed by the State. There will be twenty-one registrars for the seven wards of that city, three for each ward, employed for fifteen days service. The State pays them \$2 a day, and the police committee decided to pay them \$3 each per day in addition, so that the cost for the registrars will be \$945. It was decided that the committee would approve an allowance not to exceed \$3.50 per day for each of the registration precincts, including fuel, lights and a reasonable sum for other expenses that may be incurred under the registration provisions of the new Constitution, chargeable to the city.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The losses by floods in Texas are estimated at \$1,000,000.

Ex-Bank President Charles W. Spalding has been released from Joliet prison.

Seven men were terribly burned by a natural gas explosion at Dayton, Ohio, yesterday.

Jamaica is rapidly becoming converted to the idea of annexation to the United States.

One powerful system of railroads, it is believed, will in the near future cover the southern territory.

King Edward was yesterday reported to be able to walk the entire length of the deck on the royal yacht without assistance.

A severe rainstorm struck Winona, Minn., Wednesday evening, accompanied by a terrific wind. Considerable damage to property resulted.

Emperor William has pardoned Lieutenant Hildebrand, who was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for killing Lieutenant Blaskowitz in a duel.

Upon her arrival in London yesterday May Yoho declared Captain Strong's statement, to the effect that she got the money raised on the pawned jewelry, to be a fabrication.

President Mitchell and other officials of the Mineworkers' Union were made defendants in injunction proceedings sued out in Charleston, W. Va., by the Chesapeake and Ohio Coal Agency Company yesterday.

Official returns show that cholera is spreading with terrible rapidity throughout Manchuria. The epidemic now claims hundreds of victims daily, mostly Chinese, but Russians and other Europeans are dying of the disease.

After twice escaping from the hands of the law, Lee Newton, a negro, has been lynched in Columbia county, Ark. Newton was caught a month ago in the room of two young ladies belonging to a prominent Columbia county family.

A man signing himself Watson Connell, Minneapolis, Minn., has written a letter threatening to kill J. P. Morgan on the ground that he is responsible for the miners' strike. The writer also says that President Baer of the Reading is marked for death.

Harry Kneer, the defunct and bankrupt contractor, has been located in Alaska. He fled from York, Pa., about a month ago leaving behind an accumulation of debts. Kneer reports that if he should strike a rich vein of gold his creditors will be taken care of.

A waterfront northwest of Hermann, Neb., caused a washout on the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha road yesterday. About 1,000 feet of track were washed away. Reports from other points indicate that the whole State was visited by a heavy electrical storm.

The Oyster Bay report that Governor Odell would, after all, decline a renomination and accept a position offered him by his friend, E. H. Harriman, is denied by the governor himself, as well as by Senator Platt. If re-elected he will, it is said, be sent to the United States Senate at the close of his second term.

A dispatch from Pekin says the viceroys of Szechuan reports that his troops have killed 300 rebels and one of their leaders, near Chentu. The board of foreign missions believes that this blow will end the rebellion. One French and one English gunboat are proceeding to Chungking at the request of the viceroys of Szechuan.

George Hambacher, a member of the Washington police force, was arrested yesterday on two charges of housebreaking, and at a preliminary hearing held in which he was arraigned there were seven other similar complaints against Hambacher which were certified to the grand jury, making nine cases in all.

Shocking disclosures of corruption at the Asylum for the Insane at Kankakee, Ill., are already bearing fruit. Wednesday Senator Len. Small announced that a thorough investigation would be begun Monday, and yesterday Trustee William Murphy resigned. Attention was first drawn to affairs in the asylum when it became known that two women patients had given birth to children.

Mayor A. A. Ames, of Minneapolis, has decided to resign his office, the resignation to take effect September 6th. The Mayor has also agreed to secure the resignation of his brother, Colonel Fred W. Ames, superintendent of police. This is the climax of the police corruption scandals which have agitated that community and occupied the grand jury and the courts for two months.

LOSS BY EARTHQUAKE.

Los Alamos, Cal. Aug. 1.—With a property loss estimated between \$10,000 and \$30,000 and fear of fatality, all the people left in Los Alamos spent the night huddled around a large bonfire wrapped in blankets, none so brave as to enter his home to stay. The 7:30 o'clock shock last night completed what destruction had been left unfinished by the twisting earthquake. Over a hundred shocks have occurred since yesterday morning, with the earth in a constant rumble.

SALE COMPLETED.

Chicago, Aug. 1.—The sale of the controlling interest of the G. H. Hammond Company and the Hammond Packing Company, to Armour & Co., or individual members of the Armour firm, is now completed. Thursday the leading stockholders in the Hammond Co. were in conference and it is believed the deal was formally closed. The price paid for the property is not known, but the amount involved is said to be close to \$5,000,000. It is believed that the plant at Hammond will be abandoned.

RUSSIAN BEATEN.

New York, Aug. 1.—Andrew Spruit, a Russian clam digger, was beaten into insensibility after a fierce fight with two thieves in the cabin of his clam boat early this morning. The thieves were after \$150 Spruit had saved. They were armed with rubber hose, filled with sand, and revolvers and awoke Spruit with a demand for cash. The fight followed and the clam digger succeeded in driving the robbers into their rowboat before he fell insensible. The police have no clue.

Near McKinstry, Carroll county, Md., yesterday, Joseph and Samuel Trife, twins, aged 23, lost their lives in an attempt to save their brother Edward, who had been overcome by gas at the bottom of a sixty foot well. Edward was rescued in an unconscious condition. He will recover.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The West End furnace property at Roanoke was sold at public sale yesterday for \$170,000.

Mrs. Mary O-burn, a native of Loudoun county, and widow of Mortimer Osburn, died yesterday at Rockville, Md., aged 80 years.

The next annual meeting of the Potomac Baptist Association will be at Zoar Church, Bristersburg, five miles from Calverton station, commencing August 13.

The Winchester Horse Show held its first meeting yesterday at the Fair Grounds, and several races were run on a heavy track. A fair-sized crowd of spectators saw the events.

Thomas H. Massey, of Lancaster county, was arraigned in Baltimore yesterday on the charge of criminally assaulting Miss Grace Wise last spring. He makes a technical denial of the charge.

The contest between Messrs. Lamb and Wallace is growing more interesting. Their meetings at the county courts have attracted a good deal of attention, and a newspaper controversy between them, growing out of a recent joint discussion at King William Court-house, has added just enough spice to make the situation interesting.

George Johnson, a well-known freight conductor on the Louisville and Nashville railroad, lost his life Wednesday in a heroic attempt to save his train from wreck. The car next to the caboose jumped the track, and in trying to uncouple the caboose from the car, Johnson's leg was cut off just above the knee. This occurred at Kellyview, a mile from Big Stone Gap.

The first step to test the anti-pass clause of the new constitution was taken in Richmond yesterday, when Commonwealth's Attorney D. C. Richardson, upon information furnished him, swore out a writ of quo warranto in the Hustings Court against Mr. A. J. T. Trevett, a notary public of Richmond, charged with having received and used free transportation on the railroads.

There was a double hanging at Wise Courthouse today, the first in the history of that county. The criminals were Charles Blackman and Robert Foy, both colored. Blackman was convicted of the murder of Thomas Bates, at Toms Creek, last month, while Foy's crime was the killing of Dayton Miller, treasurer of the Toms Creek Coal Company, at the same place, last winter.

A dispatch from Newport News says that the Hygeia Hotel and fixtures have been sold to a syndicate headed by James Barrill, of that city. It is claimed that the award was originally made to George A. Duherel, of Baltimore. His bid was \$14,000, it being estimated that it would cost \$1,000 to move the building to a new site, and erect. The figures of the new bid are not given out.

While en route from Bellaire, Ohio, to Haymarket, Harry Tyler, of the former city, was robbed of his wallet containing \$58. Tyler arrived in Washington yesterday afternoon almost penniless. He did not know just where the robbery occurred, but was satisfied that his purse and money were removed from his pocket while he was asleep on the Baltimore and Ohio train on which he traveled. The theft was reported to police headquarters, and is being investigated.

Miss Juliet W. Waddill, the accomplished daughter of Judge Edmund Waddill, was married in Richmond last night to Mr. Arthur Middleton Cannon, a prominent young Richmond lawyer, and son of the late Henry G. Cannon. The wedding occurred at the Second Presbyterian Church. Miss Mary Lamb Waddill was her sister's maid of honor. The best man was Mr. Robert E. Talley. The couple left on a northern tour and for the mountains of Virginia.

The five-year old girl of Martha Dodson, who died in a disreputable part of Greensboro, N. C. a few days ago, has been taken to Danville by a woman named Roxy Burnham, who is raising the little one in a house of shame. The discovery was made yesterday, and although several good people have expressed a desire to take the child, the Burnham woman refuses to give it up, claiming that Martha Dodson willed the child to her. It is said the child has been taught evil things, and that it left its foster mother the other night and remained out of doors, rather than submit to the Burnham woman's teachings. The authorities took the matter in hand, and it is possible the child will be rescued from its life of shame.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

Today's dispatches from Indiana show widespread destruction of property by the recent storm in various parts of that State. Several persons were more or less injured by lightning.

Judge George H. Durand, of Flint, Mich., who filled a vacancy on the Supreme bench of that State in 1892, and who is classed as a gold democrat, was nominated for governor by the democrats of Michigan today.

Otto Mayo broke his collar bone yesterday so badly that it pushed the flesh up fully an inch and "one half." Last night he started in the big 25 mile paced race at Charles River Park, at Boston, against Walhoun and Elkes and finished second.

About 500 ex-Confederate soldiers are in attendance at the reunion of the second Kentucky brigade, at Owensboro, Ky. The chief feature was the speech of Captain Ellis in presenting a gold medal to little Laura Talbot Galt, the 13 year old Louisville school girl, who recently refused to sing "Marching Through Georgia."

Mr. Bryan, in the Commoner just issued, commends recent criticisms by the Emperor of Germany of J. P. Morgan. Bryan says: "The Kaiser is a discerning man. In a short visit with Morgan he found out what seems not to be apparent to Americans; namely, that the great financier is perfectly blind to the natural and necessary consequences that will follow his schemes."

SHIRTS FREE TO EVERYBODY.

Dover, N. H., Aug. 1.—Two clothing dealers got to cutting prices on shirts yesterday with the result that one closed out his entire line this morning at one cent apiece. The other hired a brass band which gave a concert while the attendants hurled their stock of shirts into a dense crowd of men, women and boys, who scrambled for them like mad people. A squad of police had their hands full to prevent a general fight. Men spoiled two dollar hats and tore fifteen dollar suits fighting to get a fifty-cent shirt for nothing.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

CORONER'S JURY IN SESSION.

Leesburg, Va., Aug. 1.—A p. m.—Special to Alexandria Gazette. Replying to your telegram, the coroner's jury investigating the lynching of Charles Craven yesterday, is still in session. Many witnesses have been examined. Much more testimony has got to be taken. A verdict will probably not be reached before eight o'clock tonight. The members of the coroner's jury are: W. W. Chamberlain, E. P. Curtis, J. G. White, E. C. Harrison, Henry Sherman and John Rinker. The excitement has about subsided.

ALL QUIET AT SHENANDOAH.

Shenandoah, Pa., Aug. 1.—Perfect quiet prevails here today and no further outbreak is expected. The 1,500 soldiers called out yesterday are sauntering about the country as if on a vacation trip. They anticipate no trouble. Picket lines and sentries are posted but they have nothing to do, for the strikers have determined to hereafter refrain from participating in any disturbances. It is hoped that the Governor will decide that the presence of the troops is unnecessary and will withdraw them. The soldiers having nothing else to do, will occupy their time in target practice and regimental drills. General Gobin, in charge of the militia here, says that the situation is more than satisfactory and that he has not thought of declaring the town under martial law. The general opinion is that the troops will not remain here long.

Shenandoah, Pa., Aug. 1.—Several times last night and this forenoon, General Gobin was asked to send troops to quell petty disturbances about the county, but in each instance he declined to act until the sheriff had ascertained his authority. General Gobin declares that his troops are not in the field to do police duty. No answer has as yet been received from the Governor by the advisory committee of the Ninth anthracite district of the United Mine Workers of America. In reply to the petition sent yesterday asking for the removal of the troops on the ground that their presence here is unnecessary. There is much sorrowing today on all hands at the death last night of Joseph Reddell, the young hardware merchant who was frightfully beaten in the melee of Wednesday night. This is the first and only death as the result of that encounter, but patrolman Urtz, of the city police force, is reported at death's door as the result of his injuries. Others of the brave little band of policemen who were wounded in the riot are reported improving today and information gathered among the city physicians is the forty strikers who were wounded will recover. So far only two arrests have been made. Both are foreigners and were taken into custody after having walked fifteen miles to Ashland where they applied at a hospital for treatment for gunshot wounds.

FEARFUL MINE DISASTER.

Sydney, Australia, Aug. 1.—About 276 men were at work in the Mount Kembla colliery at Wollangong, yesterday, when suddenly there was a rumbling sound, like the gradual rending of rock, which increased until, with a roar, a volume of ignited gas rushed through the mine, setting fire to a portion of it, and belched from the mouth, burning the buildings on the outside. It is feared 127 miners lost their lives by the explosion. There 67 bodies have been recovered, and 149 men and boys have been taken out alive. According to the estimate of the colliery officials there are still 100 men entombed, and hoping almost against hope, the band of rescuers are maintaining heroic efforts to get at those still held captive before they succumb to the mine gases.

CARRIED AWAY BY AN EAGLE.

Ellis, Ind., Aug. 1.—The family of James Harris live in a dense wood near here. Mrs. Harris yesterday placed her sleeping child in a hammock which was suspended in the front yard, and returned to the house. A few minutes later she heard the child scream and hurrying to the yard was horrified to see the infant in the clutches of an eagle. Mrs. Harris swooned and it was more than a half-hour before she recovered sufficiently to inform her husband and the farm hands, who, after searching more than an hour, found the child in a brush heap in the woods. It had several deep scratches on its body, but was otherwise uninjured. The bird was not found.

NEGLECTED BY HER RELATIVES.

Spa, Belgium, Aug. 1.—Queen Marie Henriette, who has been ill with a heart ailment, for some time past, is gradually growing worse. To add to her suffering the Queen's limbs are now swollen abnormally. Report says that her majesty is broken hearted on account of the callousness shown by her relatives during her illness. Her daughter, Princess Louise, and her son-in-law, Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg, have been unremittingly attentive, but all the other relatives, from the king down, have done nothing more than to casually inquire from a distance as to how she is progressing. They practically never visit her.

WILL GIVE BISHOP A PALACE.

Altoona, Pa., Aug. 1.—President C. M. Schwab, of the United States Steel Corporation, was in Altoona yesterday for a short time, and with Mrs. Schwab proceeded to Immergum, their summer home at Loretto. Before leaving the city Mr. Schwab announced that he will build a palace here for Rt. Rev. Bishop Garvey, of the Altoona Diocese. The building will occupy a prominent location in the city, will be of regulation size, and will contain all the conveniences necessary to house the prelate and his official household. The announcement comes as a surprise to the Catholics.

TO SERVE INJUNCTIONS.

Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 1.—A force of United States deputy marshals in charge of Chief Deputy Hughes left this morning for New River to serve Judge Keller's injunction issued yesterday. It covers every mining operation in the New River field, except those owned by Thomas G. McKell, and is directed against G. F. Purcell, W. B. Wilson, John Mitchell and about 200 others, restraining them from interfering in any way with working miners, or marching, assembling or entering upon the property of the companies.

The best physic—Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Easy to take. Pleasant in effect. For sale by Richard Gibson, Druggist.

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The lynching yesterday of Charles Craven, the negro who it is believed ruthlessly murdered William H. Wilson, a well-known resident of Fairfax county, last Monday, is still the main theme of conversation in this city and neighborhood. A description of the capture and summary execution of Craven were printed in yesterday's Gazette.

Craven protested his innocence to the last. He contradicted himself, however, on many points regarding his movements on the day of the crime. There is no fear in the minds of those who talked with him that an innocent man was sacrificed.

From the time Craven was captured, before 10 o'clock in the morning, until over four hours later his body dangled from an oak tree about a mile from town, the negro showed not the least sign of fear and made no effort to commit violence or even protect himself.

The lynching party conducted itself quietly. Not a shot was fired until the rope had been thrown about the limb of a tree and Craven was hoisted off the ground and into the air. The mob, however, was composed of determined men, and the fact that 300 or more of them, many openly carrying shotguns, rifles and revolvers, demonstrated that it had laid out its work and proposed to perform it.

Had the sheriff or any of his fifteen or twenty deputies used their weapons, the first shot would have provoked a riot which would not soon have been forgotten. The keys of the jail were not surrendered, and over half an hour or more was consumed in forcing an entrance to the prisoner. Sledge hammers, crowbars, and like tools were used to break into the jail.

Craven was lynched in the public burying ground on the Alexandria turnpike within a short distance of the camp ground occupied last week by the National Guard of the District of Columbia. His body was riddled with bullets immediately his feet were lifted from the ground. The hail of leaden missiles produced death before strangulation had commenced.

The body now lies buried beside the burying ground within a few feet of where the lynching took place; and tomorrow morning a jury will meet to investigate the affair. It is expected that a searching inquiry will be made.

Craven was captured on the farm of Alfred Stanton at Belmont station, near Ashburn, and within nine miles of the scene of the crime of Monday last. As the searching party were passing a hayrick one of the men thought that Craven might be hiding there, and fired his gun in order to attract attention. The woolly head of a negro immediately appeared from behind the stack. At the same minute five weapons were aimed at him. The awakened man rubbed his eyes and dreamily asked: "What is the matter?"

When asked his reason for being in the stack he answered with a growl. He was recognized by one of the men and made no attempt to deny his identity.

Craven was half naked, and looked physically exhausted, and showed plainly the wear of his three days' flight. He was barefooted and hatless. His wearing apparel consisted only of an under shirt, a pair of overalls, and an old yellow coat. He said he was hungry and tired, and explained that he had slept but little and eaten less since the pursuit first began. He said he had fled thinking the posse were after him for having held up a boy near Leesburg during the National Guard encampment. He was without weapons of any kind.

The march of a mile or two to the station was without incident, but there a mob soon gathered. The five stalwart farmers who had effected the capture were intent on protecting their prisoner, however, until he should be handed over to the representatives of the law. They stood so closely about their prisoner that none of the mob would risk a shot at the negro for fear of killing one of his custodians.

Leesburg was alive with people when the train bearing the prisoner pulled in. Notice of his capture had preceded him. Sheriff H. Harrison Russell, to prepare for any emergency, had sworn in about fifteen special deputies. A fast train was held in readiness, and immediately on the arrival of the train Craven was hurried into the vehicle. On one side was Sheriff Russell while on the other was William A. And, one of his deputies. In the rear were half a dozen other newly-made deputies.

Almost before the crowd could realize the situation, the train drove at a gallop up-town. The crowd followed on a run. "Bring the rope," "Lynch him" and like expressions were heard.

Sheriff Russell, Mayor W. V. White, Captain William Foster and Rev. Messrs. Ferguson and Hinks endeavored to persuade the mob to desist from their purpose, but their appeals fell on deaf ears. In the crowd were many women, and they did not hesitate to urge the mob on. They came on horseback and afoot. From the adjoining country many arrived to witness the approaching lynching. By 12:30 o'clock it was practically impossible to get within a block of the jail.

When the noise was heard by the half dozen or more prisoners within the jail they became panic-stricken. Craven was probably the coolest of the negroes in confinement. Sheriff Russell, with Jailer Charles Laycock, and the deputies, stationed themselves at the front door for the final stand.

The mob was not long in breaking in the doors and knocking the hinges from the doors of the cage in which Craven was confined. As the mob surged into the corridor the prisoners fled to their cells. Not so with Craven. He was in the cage, and readily came out by direction of one of the leaders of the crowd. A rope was quickly thrown about his neck, and he was pulled into the open, while the crowd made way.

After walking for awhile or so the public burying ground of the town was reached. On common impulse the mob turned to the left of the road. An opening was made in the wire fence through which Craven was led. He stood beneath the tree which was to be his scaffold. Craven begged to be allowed to say something. He protested his innocence, and pleaded for God to come down and testify for him.

The rope was thrown over a limb of the tree ten or twelve feet from the ground. Many hands soon pulled the noose taut and Craven swung into the air. At the same moment a fusillade of bullets struck the doomed man. Other than the suspended negro, no one was injured, although shots were fired from every point. It is peculiar also that not a bullet pierced the face of Craven,

while a hundred wounds could be found in his breast and arms.

It is said that Mr. Wilson never served on a jury which convicted Craven of crime, so it is believed the motive for the murder was robbery. On Monday last Craven exhibited a pistol several times to friends in Herndon, and spoke of the good work which the weapon could do.

Although only twenty-two years of age Craven had a criminal record and many were afraid of him. When but a boy he was arrested for several petty offenses, and was first sent to the penitentiary on complaint of his uncle, who resides in Leesburg, for breaking into the latter's chicken house.

Craven had been out less than a year when he and another negro, who had worked on the farm of Henry Smith, who conducts a dairy business in Washington, were arrested for setting fire to their employer's barn. The fire broke out about midnight, burned a number of cows, and the next morning Craven did not go to work. His pal was convicted. By advice of counsel Craven pleaded guilty and was sentenced to eight years. He was pardoned several months ago on account of ill health by Governor Montague.

Craven was a pugnacious-looking negro, of the typical African type, about 5 feet 7 inches in height, and stout of build. He was married a few years ago, but lived with his wife only a short time, and has since made his home with a woman near Leesburg.

FOREIGN NEWS.

It is said that the Kaiser has extended a pressing invitation to General Lord Kitchener to visit Germany and inspect the German army.

At a meeting of the Council of Ministers, in Paris, this morning, President Loubet signed a decree closing 400 congressional establishments.

The will of the late Lord Pauncefote, British Ambassador to the United States, was proven at London today. The amount bequeathed is £63,788.

The Morgan shipping trust has offered to make Southampton the terminus for all perishable freight if the dock board will agree to deepen the channel to 35 feet at low tide.

It is now ascertained that the appointment of Cardinal Gotti as prefect of the propaganda was due to the influence of Cardinal Rampolla who, knowing that Gotti was his most formidable opponent to preterment, wished to disarm him.

As second reinforcement of 1,500 infantry and artillery has been sent to the Italian squadron at Tripoli. Further reinforcements are contemplated. Alarmists rumors had it that the Italians contemplated the conquest of the country, but inside